

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3566**

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TO:	The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Seventy-two Hour Supply of Medications Upon Hospital Discharge		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill requires a hospital to give patients being discharged from the emergency room the option of receiving a seventy-two hour supply of any medications being prescribed.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Mental Health

The Department reports this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State, or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Health and Human Services

The Department would have paid for the medication through the community pharmacy regardless; therefore, the only impact may be an additional dispensing fee for those pharmacies that qualify. The impact is expected to be minimal and could be absorbed by the agency.

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

MUSC indicates that this Bill could have a potential fiscal impact of \$1,650,000 annually on Other Funds. This estimate is based on the number of emergency room visits last year (55,000) times the average cost for a 72 hour supply of the more commonly prescribed medications (\$30). This estimate also assumes that all patients would select this option.

Budget and Control Board

A review of this Bill by the Board staff indicates there will be no impact on the state health plan, therefore, there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, the Office of State Budget has surveyed members of the FIST Network. The responses will be forwarded upon receipt.

Approved by:



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